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SUBJ: NBS/ SFCP TRAVEL, ATTENDANCE GOE OFFICIALS AT NBS

FROM COMMERCE

REF: STATE 70853, CAIRO 1153

1. NBS AUTHORIZES USINT TO MAKE FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS, PURCHASE, AND ISSUE ROUND TRIP AIRLINE TICKETS FROM CAIRO TO WASHINGTON, D. C. FOR ARRIVAL WASHINGTON, D. C. EVENING MAY 4 AND DEPARTURE WASHINGTON, D. C. MORNING MAY 19 FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICIALS TO ATTEND THE NBS WORKSHOP ON METROLOGY AND STANDARDIZATION: DR. AHMED TAWFIK, UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDUSTRY AND CHAIRMAN OF EOS; DR. FOUAD AHMED SOBHY, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF EOS; DR. ABDEL FATTAH DAOUD, DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF METROLOGY, CAIRO; AND DR. ANWAR EL- TAWIL, HEAD OF THE MECHANICAL MEASUREMENTS DIVISION OF EOS.

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WM UNFORTUNATELY NBS IS NOT AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE PER DIEM OR MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES, THEREFORE, NBS ALSO AUTHORIZES USINT AS NECESSARY TO OBLIGATE FOR GOE CONVERSION INTO DOLLARS EGYPTIAN POUNDS EQUIVALENT TO \$25.00 PER DAY FOR UP TO 16 DAYS FOR EACH OFFICIAL (\$400.00) TO COVER PER DIEM, \$50.00 EACH FOR REGISTRATION FEES, AND \$35.00 EACH FOR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION INCLUDING TRAVEL TO NEW YORK AND PHILADELPHIA. DOLS 485.00 PER PERSON WILL BE NEEDED IN CASH OR EQUIVALENT BY EACH PARTICIPANT SO FUNDED.

3. THESE AUTHORIZATIONS ARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SGTR.
PLEASE CHARGE NBS APPROPRIATION 13 X0654, PROJECT 8707350.

4. RE PARA 3, CAIRO 1153, NBS NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE DOLLAR PER DIEM FOR EGYPTIAN PARTICIPANTS THIS WORKSHOP SINCE UNDER AID FUNDING CONTRACT DIRECT SUPPORT CAN BE PROVIDED ONLY FOR PARTICIPANTS FROM AID COUNTRIES. NBS AND DEPARTMENT REGRET THAT NEITHER INABILITY TO PROVIDE SUPPORT NOR SPECIFIC INDICATION OF DESIRED NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS WAS MADE CLEAR IN ORIGINAL LETTER OF INVITATION. NBS HOWEVER CAN "PURCHASE LECTURE" FROM ONE REPEAT ONE EGYPTIAN PARTICIPANT, IF HE IS WILLING TO DELIVER LECTURE AND CORRESPONDING PAPER. (FYI THERE IS POSSIBILITY PURCHASE PRICE OR COMPENSATION FOR LECTURE CAN BE IN AMOUNT EQUIVALENT TO PER DIEM.)

5. DEPARTMENT ALSO PREPARED, IF USINT RECOMMENDS, TO APPROVE DOLLAR PER DIEM SUPPORT OF UNDER SECRETARY TAWFIK AND DR. SOBHY UNDER INTERNATIONAL VISITOR (IV) PROGRAM, PROVIDED THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO EXTEND STAY IN U. S. BY ADDITIONAL TWO WEEKS FOR CONSULTATION AND OBSERVATION IN FIELD OF INTEREST IN WASHINGTON AND ELSEWHERE. DR. SOBHY MIGHT ALSO BE INVITED TO DELIVER LECTURE AND PAPER. APPROPRIATE COMPENSATION COULD BE PROVIDED. NBS REMAINS PREPARED TO RECEIVE DRS. DAOUD AND EL-TAWIL, HOWEVER ADDITIONAL DOLLAR PER DIEM NOT AVAILABLE SO ENTIRE SUPPORT WOULD HAVE TO COME FROM SFCP FUNDS. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS WOULD BE CHARGED TO SFCP FUNDS PER PARA 2 ABOVE.

6. IF YOU AGREE REQUEST YOU DRAFT AND DELIVER REPLY TO DR. SOBHY EXPRESSING PLEASURE WITH PROSPECT ATTENDANCE GOE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NBS INABILITY TO PROVIDE DOLLAR SUPPORT FOR FOUR (4) PARTICIPANTS, BUT EXTENDING INVITATION TO UNDER SECRETARY TAWFIK AND DIRECTOR SOBHY TO COME UNDER IV PROGRAM. INVITATION TO DELIVER LECTURE AND PAPER TO BE OFFERED TO DR. SOBHY. ATTENDANCE BY DRS. DAOUD AND EL- TAWIL WOULD ALSO BE VERY WELCOME PROVIDED BOTH TRAVEL AND PER DIEM COULD BE CHARGED TO SFCF FUNDS, PARAS 1 AND 2.

7. IF DR. SOBHY UNABLE TO DELIVER LECTURE, INVITATION CAN BE EXTENDED TO EITHER DAOUD OR EL- TAWIL. (FYI PURCHASE OF LECTURE COULD ENABLE ONE OR OTHER TO ATTEND IN ADDITION TO TAWFIK AND SOBHY.)
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